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Office of Public Affairs & Policy Coordination**A350201 Press Guidance Files**

Description: Documents generated and submitted to the Bureau of Public Affairs (PA) for use at daily press briefings. Records provide an update of on-going issues dealing with immigration between the US and various countries. Files document passport and visa activities regarding American citizens.

Disposition: Block files by calendar year. Destroy when 3 years old or sooner if no longer needed for current operations.

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A350202 Public Speaking Files

Description: Letters from private organizations requesting Department officials to address consul-related topics at seminars, conferences, etc. Included are memorandums, publications, press clippings, telegrams and other related correspondence on the acceptance or denial of engagement.

Disposition: Block files by calendar year. Retain block in the office 1 year, then destroy.

DispAuthNo: N1-59-96-1, item 2

A350203 General Correspondence from the Public

Description: Requests for publications and letters addressed to the Assistant Secretary from the general public that provide comments regarding consular matters.

Disposition: Destroy when 3 months old.

DispAuthNo: N1-59-96-1, item 3

A350204 Country Files

Description: Arranged alphabetically by name of country. Duplicate copies of telegrams, newspaper articles, background notes, post correspondence and other related materials. Documents activities and issues related to consular matters regarding American citizens in a specific country.

Disposition: Block files by calendar year. Destroy when 1 year old.

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A350205 News Media Files

Description: Memorandums submitted to the Bureau of Public Affairs requesting acceptance or denial for news media interviews. Included are recommendation papers stating why the Department should accept or deny the request.

Disposition: Block files by calendar year. Retain block in office for 1 year, then destroy.

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A350206 Subject Files

Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject. Copies of press articles, telegrams, background notes, public inquiries, reports, White House statements and other documents on visas and passport matters.

Disposition: Block files by calendar year. Destroy when 1 year old.

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A350207a Publication Files-Publications issued by the Bureau of Consular Affairs to inform the public and "in-house" publications such as Consular Update

Description: a. Master File.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the RSC when 3 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A350207b Publication Files-Publications issued by the Bureau of Consular Affairs to inform the public and "in-house" publications such as Consular Update

Description: b. All other copies.

Disposition: Destroy when 1 year old.

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A350208 Policy and Legislative Files

Description: Memoranda, transcripts, testimonies, questions and answers submitted to the Bureau of Consular Affairs requesting input to legislation pertaining to consular activities. These records contain significant documentation relating to the coordination and implementation of visa and passport policy, Congressional relations, and the development of related legislation.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the RSC when 3 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A350209 Travel Advisory/Travel Warning Files

Description: Advisories and warnings made by CA to alert the public to safety issues relating to travel in foreign countries.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the RSC when 3 years old for transfer to the WNRC.
Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A350210 Consular Information Sheets

Description: Information sheets on various countries issued for the information of US citizens traveling abroad.

Disposition: Destroy when 1 year old.

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A350211 Consular Affairs Press Clips

Description: Facsimile "publication" of newspaper and magazine articles about consular affairs matters.

Disposition: Destroy when 1 year old.

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Office of Fraud Prevention Programs**A350301 Director and Deputy Director's Files - Arranged by subject, country and chronologically**

Description: Correspondence, telegrams, airgrams, memoranda, intelligence reports, position papers and other documentation received or sent by the Director or Deputy Director, pertaining to the formulation, coordination, and development of policies and practices relating to passport, visa, Federal benefits and other Consular services anti-fraud programs.

Disposition: Permanent. Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Retire to the RSC when 5 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A350302 Subject Files - Arranged by more specific topic under broad topical headings.

Description: Memorandums, reports, alert bulletins, telegrams, airgrams, reports and studies, correspondence, policy and position papers, briefing papers, and other material relating to the overall history and operation of programs designed to combat fraud involving U.S. passports, visas, Federal benefits and other identity documents.

Disposition: Permanent. Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Retire to the RSC when 5 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

DispAuthNo: N1-59-94-10, item 2

A350303 Country Files - Arranged alphabetically by name of country.

Description: Telegrams, memorandums, facsimile transmissions, and other material relating to general information, passports, and visas for each country.

Disposition: Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Destroy when 15 years old.

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A350304 Monthly Fraud Reports - Arranged chronologically

Description: Monthly reports on fraud submitted by passport agencies. In some cases, the reports are accompanied by enclosures and attachments.

Disposition: Permanent. Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Retire to the RSC when 5 years old for transfer to the WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A350305 Fraud Case Files - Arranged by case name

Description: Case files containing original and copies of documents establishing identity, such as: passport applications; applications for Amendment of Extension of Passport; DS-1589, Passport Lookout forms; DSP-71, Affidavit of Identifying Witness; reports of Birth of American Citizens Abroad; Birth Certificates; Social Security Cards; State Drivers License; Certificates of Witness to Marriage. Files also include correspondence, telegrams, airgrams, memoranda, intelligence reports, and other documentation received or sent by CA/FPP pertaining to individual cases.

Disposition: Transfer to CA/PPT/PS/R immediately after case is closed.

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A350306 Chronological Files - Arranged by month and year

Description: Duplicate copies of communications, such as telegrams, airgrams, letters and reports maintained in chronological order by month and used for reference purposes only. The official record copy of the communication is filed elsewhere by subject or case.

Disposition: Destroy when 1 year old or when no longer needed, whichever is sooner.

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A350307 Fraud Database

Description: An on-line electronic information system arranged by last name containing data extracted from case files on individuals suspected of document fraud. Data includes last and first name, date and place of birth and other information related to the case, and is used by CA/FPP to track the life-cycle of each case.

Disposition: Delete when active agency use ceases.

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A350308 Training Program Files - Arranged by subject

Description: Documentation pertaining to the creation and operation of the CA/FPP document fraud detection training program. Files include intra and inter-agency correspondence such as memoranda, telegrams, letters, policy and position papers, studies, trip reports, and other material reflecting activities of the training program section. Files exclude routine administrative records covering the production of print and audio-visual materials for courses or the actual materials.

Disposition: Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Destroy when 10 years old.

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A350309 Training Production Files - Arranged by subject, country, state and case

Description: Documentation pertaining to the origin, development, acquisition, use and ownership of the CA/FPP training materials. Records include routine administrative records such as memos, letters, standard forms, sample identity papers, course production materials such as course syllabi, schedules, hand-outs, instructor's notes and related material.

Disposition: Cut-off in 1 year blocks. Destroy when 10 years old.

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A350310 Training Materials - Arranged within files and as a collection on shelf

Description: Audio-visual materials created internally and procured externally which are used to train Consular Officers and other Federal agency personnel in fraud detection techniques. Materials include U.S. and foreign passports, birth and marriage certificates, drivers licenses, and other identity documents, still photographs and negatives, viewgraphs, slides, tape recordings, video recordings, motion pictures, and associated finding aids for the identification, retrieval or use of the materials.

Disposition: Screen annually and destroy audio-visual material with related finding aids when no longer needed for reference purposes.

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